(c) whether the livestock firm at Bhubneswar with full financial package from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Orissa Government was started to accommodate more than 500 heads of cattle but it is almost without a single cattle for the last two decades, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what is the amount of expenditure incurred during each of the last three years on its development;

(e) the details of irregularities, corruption, mismanagement and mal-administration pointed out by the Vice-Chancellor of Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT);

(f) the facts revealed by the World Bank in its Second Field Report (July 1993) about the OUAT's shortcoming; and

(g) the steps Government have taken to check the irregularities, corruption and non-utilization/mis-utilisation of funds provided by the ICAR and the World Bank ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha in due course.

Self-Sufficiency in milk and milk Products

102. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have achieved self-sufficiency in milk and milk products;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to dispense with the commodity aid from the European Economic Community and also propose to decanalise export of milk products; and

(c) if so, what is the decision taken by Government in this regard ?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Due to implementation of various Central and State Dairy Development Programmes the production of milk and milk products in the country has been steadily increasing. The milk production in the country has gone up from around 21 million tons in the year 1969-70 to about 59 million tons during 1992-93. Because of increased availability of milk and milk products in the country, the NDDB has asked the E.E.C. not to supply any dairy commodities during the year 1993. The Government has amended export policy to provide decanalisation of milk powder, ghee and butter subject to quantitative ceiling as may be notified by the Director General of Foreign Trade from time to time.

Agriculture Sector/Crops under the Insurance Scheme

103. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced a few months back to cover the agriculture sector/crops under the insurance scheme;

(b) if so, what concrete measures have already been taken in furtherance of this scheme;

(c) whether it has become more imperative to enforce the insurance scheme immediately in view of wide spread damage to the cotton crops by various diseases in the current session in the cotton zone of the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to consider enforcing the insurance scheme in a selective manner to cover only crops of cotton, oil seeds etc. in case it is not possible to provide insurance cover to all the crops ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) A Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) covering oilseeds, pulses, and cereals crops is already in implementation in the country from 1-4-1985. It is also proposed to implement a Pilot Crop Insurance Scheme (PCIS)

covering all farmers and all crops (except fruits) in one district of each State/U. T. The draft Pilot Crop Insurance Scheme has since been prepared in consultation with concerned Ministries/agencies and the State Governments/U. Ts. and is under finalisation. Under the PCIS, it is proposed to excluded risks which are of preventable nature.

(d) No, Sir.

Incentive to the Cotton Farming Community

104. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prices of inputs like pesticide, insectisides etc., have gone sky high and production of cotton affected badly in the cotton belt of the country;

(b) if so, the loss occurred on account of this price rise and whether Government have compensated this loss in the form of subsidy/bonus etc. to the cotton farming community;

(c) whether Government is aware that various cotton diseases viz American Diseases and Ball worm, had diminished cotton production and it is less than one half of the normal production per acre; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check such diseases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) During Kharif 1993-94, by and large, low incidence of American ballworm on cotton has been reported from major cotton growing areas in the country and the cotton production is not likely to be diminished significantly.

(d) The following steps have been taken in this regard :

(i) Farmers have been advised to adopt Integrated Pest Management (IMP) approach which includes use of only recommended pesticides and avoiding spray of insecticide mixtures.

(ii) Under the Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP), the Government is providing 25% subsidy on the cost of pesticides, 50% subsidy on the cost of plant protection equipment, 25% subsidy on the cost of tractor-mounted sprayers.

(iii) Farmers are being provided incentives on the use of pheromone traps and Nuclear Polyhedrosis virus (NPV) etc.

Collaboration between Gujarat and Israel

105. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Collaboration between the State Government of Gujarat and Israel in the areas of fruit, horticulture and wasteland development, have been agreed upon ;

(b) if so, whether Agricultural Export Corporation of Israel have agreed to export various types of fruits etc; and

(c) if so, whether 7 MOUs have been signed with different companies in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. The State of Gujarat through its various corporations has signed MOUs with Israeli companies for necessary collaboration in areas of fruits, horticulture, wasteland development, Green House, Drip Irrigation and water management, cotton development, Grape cultivation, etc.

(b) No, Sir. The Agricultural Export Corporation of Israel has so far agreed to export only grapes from India. Further discussions are being held with the Company consider marketing of sapota, ber, and pomegranate from Gujarat.